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KENYA AND EAST AFRICA

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

As the responsibility for leadership passes to the next generation, Africa's future and its global competitiveness will be driven by academically gifted and entrepreneurial young people empowered to lead. USAID is providing state-of-the-art education to millions of Kenyan children, expanding educational and employment opportunities for young adults, and preparing a new generation of young African leaders with the skills and mindset to transform the region and the continent.

EARLY-GRADE READING

Reading is a fundamental skill that lays the foundation for all future learning. USAID partners with the Ministry of Education to implement the flagship Tusome (“Let’s Read” in Kiswahili) Early Grade Reading program in all 24,452 public primary schools and over 1,500 low-cost private schools across Kenya. Tusome has trained over 77,000 teachers and provided reading instruction to 7.8 million learners throughout the country. Through Tusome, teachers and learners are utilizing over 26 million new Tusome textbooks and learning materials, enabling every child to have their own book.

For much of 2020 during the national closure of schools due to COVID-19, Tusome developed distance learning materials for students, families, and teachers to ensure continued access to learning. Tusome utilizes an electronic monitoring and evaluation system to receive real-time teaching and learning data and provide critical feedback to teachers and administrators throughout the country to help adjust classroom instructional approaches. The technical interventions and methodologies of Tusome are producing a new generation of Kenyan children reading at higher levels of fluency and comprehension than ever before.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Extensive public private partnerships drive USAID's Global Give Back Circle (GGBC) activity. This program empowers high achieving students in need of financial support to continue their education and realize their potential through scholarships, training, and mentoring. In December 2020 when USAID assistance ended, GGBC had provided college and university scholarships to 1,500 young women and 42 young men who committed to giving back to their communities through volunteer service.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Lack of access to education and job skills are two barriers for youth. USAID's youth programming targets key growth sectors and develops skills that boost competitiveness for the job market. Generation Kenya, a youth workforce development program, teams up with employers to identify skills gaps in target industries and customize job training programs for young people. To date, 83% of Generation graduates have secured employment in their target industries, thus meeting the needs of both unemployed youth and the emerging job market.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) supports youth to drive growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa. There are three YALI programs in Kenya and East Africa. The **Mandela Washington Fellowship** provides support to young African leaders through training and coursework at 40 U.S. universities, enabling thousands of young Africans to make a difference and lead a new generation in their home countries. The **YALI Regional Leadership Center for East Africa** at Kenyatta University in Nairobi has trained over 4,000 young leaders from 14 East and Central African countries in business and entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and public management with an eye toward regional networking and collaboration. The **YALI Network**, with 500,000 members continent- wide, provides online courses and a forum to equip young leaders with 21st century skills to transform their communities.

KEY GOVERNMENT OF KENYA PARTNERS

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Industrialization

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

- Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development
- Kenya National Examinations Council
- Kenyatta University
- Teachers Service Commission

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS

- Deloitte East Africa
- McKinsey & Company
- MasterCard Foundation
- Coca-Cola Foundation

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- Deloitte East Africa
- Kenya Community Development Foundation
- McKinsey Social Initiative
- RTI International

ACHIEVEMENTS SNAPSHOT (2020)

- Distance learning modules developed and made available to learners during the national closure of schools due to COVID-19
- 51,979 new or better jobs acquired by youth
- Over 85,000 people benefited from community service initiatives led by YALI Regional Leadership Center alumni

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